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SUBJECT: EC GUIDELINES FOR MTNS; TNC MEETING

REF: A) EC BRUSSELS 8319 B) STATE 231938 (NOTAL)

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1. MISSION OFFICERS MET WITH DENMAN, BRITISH REPRESENTATIVE ON THE
ARTICLE 113 COMMITTEE, AND NICOLL OF THE BRITISH PERMREP,
(PROTECT BOTH SOURCES) AFTER THE
113 COMMITTEE MEETING OF OCTOBER 30, WHICH WAS LARGELY DEVOTED TO
DISCUSSION OF THE COMMISSION COMMUNICATION ON THE MTNS (REF A).

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2. DENMAN SAID THAT THE PLAN IS TO SUBMIT THE COMMUNICATION TO A SPECIAL COUNCIL OF MINISTERS RESPONSIBLE FOR TRADE MATTERS. THE COMMUNICATION WILL NOT EMERGE FROM LOWER-LEVEL SCURTINY UNTIL THE END OF NOVEMBER. SINCE SOAMES, WHO SHOULD BE PRESENT FOR THE COUNCIL MEETING, WILL BE IN THE US THE FIRST WEEK OF DECEMBER (TO TAKE PART IN THE SEMI-ANNUAL US-EC COMMISSION CONSULTATIONS), THE EARLIEST, AND LIKELIEST, TIME FOR THE COUNCIL TO MEET WILL BE THE SECOND WEEK IN DECEMBER.

3. DENMAN SAID THAT THE GERMAN REPRESENTATIVE HAD SPENT CONSIDERABLE TIME IN THE 113 COMMITTEE MEETING CRITICIZING THE AGRICULTURE CHAPTER OF THE MTN COMMUNICATION, ARGUING FOR A MORE "OPEN" POSITION. DENMAN SAID THE UK GENERALLY AGREED WITH THE FRG ALTHOUGH HE DID NOT EXPECT THAT THE BASIC THRUST OF THE AGRICULTURAL SECTION WOULD BE CHANGED. IT WAS DENMAN'S OPINION THAT THE MOST IMPORTANT OBJECTIONS TO THE PAPER WOULD COME FROM THE FRENCH. THEY WOULD PREFER A SHORTER PAPER -- LIMITED TO AGRICULTURE, TARIFFS, AND NTBS -- WHICH (A) WOULD BE APPROPRIATE TO A QUICK AND RELATIVELY MODEST NEGOTIATION, AND (B) WOULD TIE THE COMMISSION'S HANDS TOGETHER. DENMAN FELT, HOWEVER, THAT THE FRENCH WOULD NOT INSIST ON THEIR VIEWS TO THE POINT THAT THE PAPER COULD NOT BE APPROVED BY MID-DECEMBER.

4. COMMENT: THE MAIN REASON FOR THE SCHEDULE FOR APPROVAL OF THE EC GUIDELINES FOR THE MTNS IS THE COMMUNITY'S DESIRE FOR FAIRLY CLOSE SYNCHONIZATION WITH THE FINAL STAGES OF CONGRESSIONAL CONSIDERATION OF THE TRADE REFORM ACT. THIS SCHEDULE ADDS AN ADDITIONAL REASON FOR EC RELUCTANCE TO HAVE THE TNC MEET DURING THE PERIOD DECEMBER 11-17 (REFS B-D). GREENWALD

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